Monkey. Tom, doomed to miss a class outing to the Zoo because of a cold, was delighted when a real monkey appeared at the window and suggested going to the Zoo together. What with Mickey's native mischievousness and strange accidents, the pair have some delightful adventures in and out of the Zoo, until Tom, the busy traveler, returns home. Mother thinks he imagined both Mickey and all the daring doings but Tom and the reader, too, know better. A delightful and straight-faced tribute to all childhood familiars and their creators. Drawings in black and white by Robert Henneberger. (2/20)

EIGHT TO ELEVEN- Non-fiction

Zim, Herbert S. Morrow
LIGHTNING AND THUNDER $2.00

An intriguing book in its dramatic and beautiful pictures by James Gordon Irving, which by its very appearance will lure the inquiring youngster through a text that is quite a reach for third and fourth graders (and in format that is the age level at which the book seems to aim). Zim has the ability, however, to present scientific facts in an appealing package, and much of the data on causes and effects, on what happens and how, will be understood, and make the terrifying beauty of thunder storms a force to respect and admire. (Cloth) (2/20)

TWELVE TO FIFTEEN- Fiction

Lane, Carl D. Little, Brown
BLACK TIDE $2.75

* Straightforward adventure for boys against a unique background of off-shore oil drilling in the Gulf of Mexico. It is refreshing to have a good combination of story interest with the ever recurrent problem of summer earnings. Len, Ted and Am, New England High School juniors, are taking their holidays by earning their way in the Maine fishing sloop, the *Altair*. They hire out their services to a Mr. Appleby, owner of an oil-drilling rig, and are elbowed all unsuspecting into some fancy detective and patrol duty. Mr. Appleby's oil claims are threatened by the sabotage of an unscrupulous competitor who does not stop at theft, threats and murder to profit by Appleby's strikes. The boys squeak through some tight spots, locate a precious oil site in secret, are captured by thugs, race against storm and men. An added attraction for sailing enthusiasts lies in the meaty substance on ships and sailing and the author's many diagrams. (2/28)

Allen, Merritt P. Longmans, Green
JOHNNY REB $2.50

A straight mortar-and-pistol action yarn with adequate period trappings in this story of the adventures of a young confederate soldier during the War between the States. The author's sympathies are tactfully neutral, although Ezra Todd, "poor white boy", adopted by wealthy planter, Wade Hampton, is fired with zeal to fight for the Southern cause under the leadership of his benefactor. However, the horrors of war- and Mr. Allen has brewed up some grisly moments- the discovery that the Blue and the Grey are cut from the same pattern, and the death of close friends cool Ezra's idealism into acceptance of a grim reality with a determination to help rebuild the South. Except for a peculiar interpretation of the Negro point of view, whose representative is from the "yuk-yuk lawsy-me" era of caricature, this is more than passing fair historical fiction, with rip-snortin' action, lively dialogue, and inconspicuous but potent historical trimmings. Illus. by Ralph Ray, Jr. (3/5)

Mygatt, E. D. Longmans, Green
RIM-ROCKED! $2.50

Uranium ore is fast taking the place of pirate doubloons in mystery adventures and this brisk, good-natured, western yarn couples treasure hunt excitement with likeable characterization. Brothers Dave and Stuart reluctantly include irascible Ned on their trip to Wyoming to aid old prospector, "Rocks" McGinty, to keep his run-down ranch, and find themselves not only burdened with Ned's laconic sulkiness but with managing a debt-ridden ranch. However, Ned begins to see the light and the three boys team up and, in the process of securing money to pay the mortgage, rescue a mysterious "prospector" who was rim-rocked and near death, uncover skullduggery aimed to relieve "Rocks" of his land, and conduct a race for a uranium claim on the property for the grand finale. Entertaining contemporary western adventure. Illus. Peter B. Andrews. (3/5)

Raftery, Gerald Morrow
COPPERHEAD HOLLOW $2.00

This is the third adventure story from Gerald Raftery - this time not an animal- and-boy story, and on that score with less of the emotional tug than its predecessors. He spins a good yarn, though not always a plausible one. And this time he has rooted his story in a sure-fire mystery with a scientific angle. Steve is a scholarship boy at camp, and an eager beaver when it comes to participation, with rocks his chief hobby, mineralogy his goal. His roommate, Jim, resents all that camp stands for, bucks the rules, refuses to conform, and finds, to his chagrin, that this gets him nowhere. Little by little he learns the hard way, and it is Jim's courage and daring (the moral issues involved are a bit questionable) that makes possible the scientific proof of the solution of the mystery of Copperhead Hollow. (3/~~12~~ 19)

FICTION FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Heinlein, Robert- *Ed.* Doubleday
TOMORROW, THE STARS $2.95

An anthology of science fiction, which includes a wide variety:- stories of rain makers, of child geniuses, of ghostly tourists who sightsee in a normal home, of a personal power being used to destroy world armament, of Martian invasion. There are stories of robtos, astro-navigation, think machines, master minding, of mystery angles, of humor. (For full report see P. 713) (2/7)

Tickell, Jerrard Doubleday
APPOINTMENT WITH VENUS $3.00

Venus was a cow of prize and pedigree, central figure in an entertainment which indulges chivalry and sentiment, danger and lively improbability. The setting the Channel Islands during the German occupation, when the tranquil life of the farming community is broken by martial law. The German commander decides to ship the cow to Germany, as her confinement approaches. And London launches Operation Venus to save her. Exciting and engaging story. (For full report see P.710) (2/20)

Turnbull, Agnes Sligh — Houghton, Mifflin

THE GOWN OF GLORY — $3.50

A good family story- in a period piece about a small town minister and his family. There's a sort of *Little Women* and *Five Little Peppers* flavor in the gay and gallant acceptance of financial stringency, of family managing in order to give those who deserve it a chance. Lucy, still in her teens, is almost more the heroine than her mother, and her romance with the son of a steel magnate provides a thread throughout the story. And the background of small town life, the problems a minister and his wife face, and the very human incidents that endear each of the young people to the reader make this a good choice for teen reading. (For full report see P.708) (2/21)

Innes, Hammond — Knopf

AIR BRIDGE — $3.50

High wattage excitement along with considerable technical fascination for a story of the Berlin airlift, and of a fanatic who used it to engineer an intricate plan. Seaton had stolen the plans for the plane he was building; he blackmails a pilot and an engineer into joining forces with him in a plot to secure another plane. With the success of his scheme, at the expense of one life, and the near loss of a second, this drama of a fanatic's tour de force leads to mechanical fulfillment and moral fiasco. (For full report see P. 712) (2/25)

Walsh, Maurice — Lippincott

SON OF A TINKER — $3.00

Short stories and some top grade ones in Walsh's best tradition. Along with a number of charming but slight stories, there are four first rate ones. The title story, of a tinker who defies tradition and pulls himself up by his own boot straps; an absorbing ghost story, with romance, and a happy ending; there's a story of days when a duel settled all quarrels; there's a story of Walsh's beloved "small dark man". (For full report see P. 710) (2/20)

Forester, C.S. — Little, Brown

LIEUTENANT HORNBLOWER — $3.50

The Hornblower saga is an established favorite with older boys (and girls as well) and this - which fills the gap between *Mr. Midshipman Hornblower* (1950) and the adventures recounted in *Beat to Quarters* (1937) will round out a portrait of a hero of the naval wars against Spain and France in the days of Napoleon. Young Hornblower, a mere fifth lieutenant, has the imagination and energy and daring that turned circumstances to his uses. There's a sort of *Caine Mutiny* situation here, in terms of the British Navy 150 years ago, and a mad captain is made incapacitated, and the younger officers take over. A battle which turns defeat to victory, against the Spanish in the Caribbean, a subsequent blocking of the efforts of prisoners to take over an undermanned ship, both come from Hornblower's quick wit and action. A period of thin pickings during a lull in international tension puts both Hornblower and his pal Bush on the rocks, but threat of war comes just in time to save their careers from extinction. Good adventure in a grand tale of sea warfare. (For full reports see P. 707) (2/20)

Rinehart, Mary Roberts — Rinehart

THE SWIMMING POOL — $3.00

Elegance and entertainment in palatable blend for a story of the past glories of the Maynard family which bring their violence today. A complicated unknotting and unravelling provide a satisfactory Q.E.D. The old hand has not lost its cunning. (For full report see P. 713) (1/17)

Felsen, Henry Gregor Scribner
TWO AND THE TOWN $2.50

This is a courageous book- to write, to publish. While not wholly successful in the handling, the subject is dealt with honestly, forthrightly, only the people in the background are shadowy and weak.... Elaine and Buff, high school sweethearts, caught in the emotional aftermath of a crucial football game lost, succumb to the spell of mutual physical attraction, and are caught. Forced into marriage at too early an age, ostracized, compelled to readjust to a future which only they can solve, Elaine proves herself mature, while it takes Buff a stint in the Marines to see the error of his childish impetuosity, and to face up to his responsibilities. The situation is treated as if boys were not alone in being bundles of impulses; girls have overpowering emotions too. Here neither one comes off blameless. Felsen has drawn his situations and his main characters sharply, with suspense; there is good healthy tension in the football game and the town's hysterical response, in the session Buff faces with his father, and so on. Only in the minor characters and the background does he fail to come alive. A book to watch. (March)

Partridge, Basil Westminster
THE PENNINGTONS $3.00

Domestic doings of a Canadian family in 1905. Father is Dean of Kingsford Cathedral; Mother is a variable factor; the five children have their own problems. Philip, the younger son, falls in love with the daughter of a French family, and after his father's death is free to marry her. The rest of the clan move to the States to build a new sort of life. Household incident and personality patterns make this a comfortable and clean family story. (For full report see P.712) (2/25)

NON-FICTION FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Barnouw, Adriaan J. Longmans, Green
THE PAGEANT OF NETHERLANDS HISTORY $4.00

In an excellent series, this is a rather different cross-section of history, for the Netherlands, throughout their long story, have undergone successive sectionings and partitionings and reorganizations. The result is a colorful panorama of domestic culture and foreign overlords,- Burgundy, Spain, Austria, France. Despite constant change, the Netherlands retained and developed a unique culture and made distinctive contributions to their conquerors- to the rest of Europe- indirectly to America. The Low Countries became the proving ground for Protestantism; the political changes in the name of religion were tremendous. A discussion of theologians and philosophers from Erasmus to Calvin naturally impinges on consideration of war and princes, holy and unholy alliances, migrations and emigrations. Religious ferment is but one aspect of the intellectual temper of a people, and in the discussion of the unique power of Dutch art, her navigation and trade, her secular and popular movements, feasts and famines, a rounded picture emerges of a people risen from a nation of burghers, dedicated to the cause of freedom. The main stress is through the 18th century, but there is a trenchant consideration of recent social and economic developments, including an inevitably favorable approach to the Indonesian issue....Not a quicky, but a serious approach to a somewhat difficult phase of European history, and tops in its field, vividly styled, energetic in presentation, rewarding the study. Maps and an index will add to its reference values. (3/5)

Cronin, A. J. McGraw-Hill

ADVENTURES IN TWO WORLDS $4.00

A novelist-doctor tells his own story, from his poverty stricken student days in Glasgow, through his early experiences as a country practitioner in Scotland, a company doctor in the coal mines of South Wales - and finally, a London medico. The hard times of the first half of the book are more interesting reading than the more prosperous days towards the end. Anecdote and episode rather than continuous narrative, this makes good autobiography with a vocational slant. The final chapters tell of his shift over from medicine to writing. (For full report see P. 715) (2/25)

Stuart, Frank S. McGraw-Hill

WILD WINGS $3.50

The poetry and drama and story interest of the migration of wild ducks, round the year. The story starts with the luring of wild ducks into nets for banding, and ends with the return of some of the banded ducks to their starting place. Frank Stuart has told the story of the months between, basing his reconstruction on the known facts of direction, the hardships attendant on the flight, storm over sea and land, ice and snow, dangers from four footed peril and marauding birds; the mating, nesting and raising of the young, the return to the south. Enchanting nature reading. (For full report see P. 719) (2/14)

Godfrey, Arthur Simon & Schuster

Paper $1.00

MY FAVORITE STORIES Cloth $2.75

A top ranking radio and TV performer digs into his files for what made him laugh, and what has gone over with the radio and TV audience. From the hoary to the fresh, on to the specialized and the professional, here is a laugh parade, a la Godfrey. (For full report see P. 717) (1/30)

Otte, Fred, Jr. World

SIMPLIFIED DOG BEHAVIOR $2.00

Instruction book for the proper deportment of household pets, based on the assumption that acceptable conduct is a matter of teaching. The basic patterns of instruction from puppyhood on; a section on obedience tests; a glossary of dog behavior, training, etc. (For full report see P. 718) (2/5)